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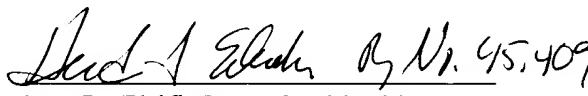
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is a response to the October 2, 2002 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a one month extension of time. With extension, a response to the Restriction Requirement is due on or before December 2, 2002. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 23239-539 CIP2 (ARCH-39 CIP2)).

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims into 3 Groups. Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-54, 83-92, and 128-129, drawn to a catalytically active nucleic acid molecule, biosensors comprising said nucleic acid molecule, and vectors comprising said catalytically active nucleic acid, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.

Applicants make this election without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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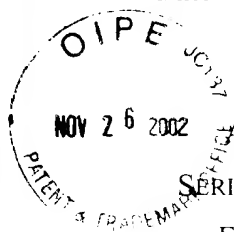
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